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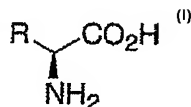
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for preparing, in particular, enantiomerically enriched L- $\alpha$ -amino acids, in particular those of the general formula (I). In this connection, the process according to the invention uses 2-ketocarboxylic acids which are converted into the desired products using a whole-cell catalyst which comprises an amino acid dehydrogenase and a cofactor-regenerating enzyme.

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